

## FAYETTE CITY SUFFERS COSTLY BLAZE; LOSS WILL BE \$25,000.

Flames Attack Business Section in Early Morning and Other Towns Send Aid.

### FIREMEN HAVE HARD BATTLE.

Mystery Surrounds Origin of Fire Which Started in Duke's Barber Shop—Telephone Girl Heroine of Catastrophe.

FAYETTE CITY, Oct. 21.—The entire business section of this place was threatened with total destruction by fire which originated this morning at 1:30 o'clock in the barber shop of John Duke. Only after almost superhuman efforts on the part of the combined fire departments of Fayette City, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Charleroi was the conflagration stopped. The fire burned half a block on Main street and caused a loss estimated at \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

Although it is impossible to estimate the amount of insurance on the property it is believed that the occupants of the buildings were fairly well protected.

The origin of the fire is not known. It had gained considerable headway in the barber shop when discovered and was fanned by a high wind. The adjoining building, occupied by Joseph Hamilton's restaurant, soon ignited and the flames then began to sweep the entire length of Main street from Union as far as the Citizens National Bank.

It was soon apparent that the Fayette City fire department would be unable to cope with the situation and calls for assistance were sent to Monessen, Charleroi and Belle Vernon, meeting with prompt response. Special trains were rapidly pressed into service and rushed the volunteer firemen to the scene.

In the work of securing assistance too much credit cannot be given Miss Grace Corwin, operator at the Bell Telephone exchange. Although the fire raged within a few doors of the exchange Miss Corwin smelt faithfully to her post and sent out call after call for aid from neighboring towns. Superintendent D. J. Murphy of the Bell company was summoned from Uniontown and with his force of men assisted the fire fighters in clearing away wires that hampered their work.

It was an hour after the fire started that the volunteers from other towns reached the scene. Many lines of hose sent their streams of water on the blaze and while it seemed as though the town was doomed when they arrived, within half an hour the blaze was under control. It stopped as it reached Fleming's bakery, adjoining the Citizens National bank. This building was only partially destroyed.

So intense was the heat that all the glass windows on the opposite side of the street were broken. The Fayette City National Bank, Forsythe's furniture store and Correll & Crowley's undertaking establishment were damaged by heat and water. So great was the heat that these buildings would frequently catch fire, which was quickly extinguished by the watchful firemen.

At four o'clock the fire was practically out and the visiting firemen returned home. The Fayette City department was then fully able to cope with the situation. The wind died down towards morning and this lessened the danger materially. The water supply was sufficient to meet the demands of the many hose lines. The fire is secured from the Monongahela river and there was no shortage of it.

All of the burned buildings were two story frame structures and most of them were old. One of the town landmarks, the first Masonic temple of the town, went up in the conflagration.

The buildings destroyed were occupied by the following persons: John Duke, barber shop; Karat and Paul, jewelers; James Hamilton, restaurant; Dave Scher, fruit and confections; David Rosenberg, tailor; Charles Gallette, shoes; John Furlong, residence; Mrs. Ada Evans, residence; Ditto & Hladie, milliners; and Neff Murphy, residence.

The heaviest individual loss was sustained by the jewelry firm which had a stock valued at \$1,500. They occupied the same building as Duke's barber, in whose shop the fire is supposed to have originated.

The Citizens National Bank building was the only brick structure in the block and this might have saved the rest of the town even had the firemen not been so successful in their fight against the flames.

Andy Gennives Magistrate. UNIONTOWN, Oct. 17.—Andy Mannie convinced Justice Daniel Brier that he rightfully owned the horse he took from Sammie's livery stable where it had been left by a horse trader. The charge of horse stealing preferred against Mannie was then dropped.

### LOCAL PASTOR HONORED.

Rev. E. B. Burgess Named Historian of Pittsburgh Synod.

Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the local Trinity Lutheran church, is taking a prominent part in the annual convention of the Pittsburgh Synod which convened yesterday in Wheeling, W. Va. After exchanging greetings with the conference of the African Episcopal church, now in session in Wheeling the annual election of officers took place. Rev. Burgess was elected historian and a member of the advisory board of home missions. Rev. C. E. Front of Charleroi was elected recording secretary.

### FAMILY BREACH IS CLOSED BY JUDGE.

Husband and Wife Seeking Divorce Leave Court Together, Reconciliation Being Effected.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 20.—After a divorce action in which the allegations on both sides were such that an amicable settlement seemed out of the question, Judge Van Swearingen got the principals together and effected a reconciliation. It all happened during the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Mary Kyle Sessler to secure possession of her little seven year old son.

Sessler instituted divorce proceedings giving desertion of his wife as the cause. The wife replied with charges against her husband to effect his abuse of her, drove her off and then lived with Isa Kyle, her sister.

The evidence failed to support, to any degree, the contention of either party to the suit and it was then that a reconciliation was effected. The sister was sent to her parents' home and the estranged couple promised to end their quarrels. The Sesslers live on the German township farm of Dr. T. N. Eastman.

### TAX COLLECTOR IS AFTER DELINQUENTS.

Commitments Will Be Issued for Many Within Next Few Days. Is Effective Method.

Tax Collector George B. Brown has resumed activities in getting back taxes. He has again resorted to the practice of issuing commitments for delinquents, usually a most effective method of bringing them to time. Within the next two or three days it is expected that a hundred or more of these will be issued by the Tax Collector. A number are already out and some results have been obtained.

Yesterday Chief of Police Rottler approached a citizen at the Baltimore & Ohio depot. The chief held a commitment in his hand.

"You'll have to come along with me," said the chief.

"Can't do it now," was the astonished response, "I'm waiting for a train."

It didn't take the chief long to impress upon the delinquent's mind that a commitment is of more importance than making a train. The gentleman settled, although he haggled over the costs for several minutes.

### ANSWER MADE IN INSURANCE SUIT.

H. M. Kephart, Administrator Files Reply Regarding Paying of Premiums From Estate.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 21.—H. M. Kephart, administrator of the estate of the late Berthanna R. Smith of Connellsville, has filed an answer to the suit of Philip H. Pendleton for insurance premiums. Kephart says the policies were made out with the understanding that no premiums would be paid until the estate was settled. This has not been done as yet.

George Patterson, assignee of the estate of Albert Moore, a bankrupt, has replied to the suit of John P. Goodwin to recover money alleged to be due for wages. Patterson says the agreement was that Goodwin would not be paid until a sufficient sum had been received by the assignee to meet the obligation.

Two Struck By Train. MONONGAHELA, Oct. 17.—Returning to their homes at Courtyear last night from a special gathering, John Dersam and William Williams were run down by a train on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad. Dersam was instantly killed and Williams was slightly injured.

### NEWSPAPER MEN MEET.

Western Pennsylvania Associated Dailies Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Associated Dailies, was held in Pittsburgh Monday and the following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, H. P. Snyder, Connellsville Courier; First Vice President, A. H. Walters, Johnstown Tribune; Second Vice President, Crombie Allen, Greensburg Press and Tribune; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Stewart, Washington Reporter and Observer; Executive Committee, C. L. Slough, of the New Castle Herald, R. L. Reiley of the Oil City Derrick, Jesse Long of the McKeesport News, C. P. Rosen of the Titusville News, and H. T. Simpson of the Kittanning Times.

### "CITY BEAUTIFUL" MOVEMENT IS ON.

Culture Club Takes Up Question of Chalk Nuisance.

### WILL PROTEST TO COUNCIL.

Disfiguring of Public and Private Buildings Has Come Under Ban and Other Societies Will Be Asked to Join Movement.

The first step was made last evening by the Women's Culture Club toward a "City Beautiful" when at the regular semi-monthly meeting, the executive committee, composed of Mrs. F. O. Goodwin, Dr. Katherine Wakefield, Mrs. Mary Scott and Mrs. W. H. Cotton, was authorized to confer with the various organizations of the town, such as the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid Societies, the Teachers' Association and the Ministerial Association and others asking them to enter protest to Town Council in regard to having the chalk nuisance abated and to ask Burgess A. D. Sisson personally to have the practice stopped.

"The habit of marking churches, private residences, and business places with chalk has come to such a point that it is necessary to have it abated both for the moral good and the cleanliness of the town. The Women's Culture Club has the interest of the beautifying of the town at heart and will no doubt take further steps toward the improvement of the town."

### COUNCIL TO INSIST UPON BETTER LIGHTS.

Numerous Complaints Received About Street Lights Being Investigated by Committee.

The Light and Water Committees of Town Council will be asked to see that better lighting service is secured from the West Penn Electric Company. Chief of Police Rottler has been turning over a number of complaints each morning to Burgess Sisson, reporting that they are not receiving proper attention at the hands of the lighting company.

Burgess Sisson directed the chief to take the matter up with the Light and Water Committee of Town Council. It appears that each morning the night men have reported numerous and inadequate lights not burning in the various parts of town. A number of these lights have been out for three and four nights in succession. As soon as the complaints are received they are reported to the electric company but Chief Rottler says this does no good.

### APPEAL SUSTAINED.

Men Fined by Magistrate for Illegal Fishing Will Get Money Back.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 21.—Judge Van Swearingen sustained the appeal of W. B. Robbins and Edward Davis from the fine of \$100 and costs imposed by a McClellandtown Justice for illegal fishing after the men had been acquitted and discharged by a Washington county justice.

Judge Van Swearingen decided that the men were first tried before a court having competent jurisdiction and the acquittal in such case was equivalent to a verdict of not guilty by a jury.

### JUSTICE POTTER NOT COMING.

Prevented From Visiting Uniontown With Colleagues.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 17.—Justice Robert E. Umbel is in receipt of a communication from Justice S. L. Metzger of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania announcing that Justice William P. Potter has been called to Philadelphia and cannot visit Uniontown. The other six justices will arrive at the County Seat this afternoon, coming by way of Brownsville. They will be entertained in the Country Club and the Sunnyside over Sunday.

### "I'LL NEVER HANG," DECLARES WM. CATE.

Convicted Murderer Creates Sensation After Sentence Is Passed Upon Him.

### EXECUTION ORDERED BY COURT.

Prisoner Declares His Fate Unjust. Says He Was Drunk When He Killed Man and Points Out Two Have Died Who Appeared Against Him.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 20.—William L. Cate, who shot and killed Chief of Police Thomas Guss at Belle Vernon over two years ago, created a sensation in court this morning when asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed upon him.

"Your Honor," said Cate in a positive tone, "there is one thing which, to my mind, proves conclusively that the conviction of first degree murder was unjust. Two of the men who testified against me have already died. Judgment has already overtaken them as it will the others who falsely attempted to swear away my life."

"I was drunk at the time and I did not know what I was doing," Judge Umbel then delivered a brief talk to the prisoner before passing sentence. He then said:

"The court hereby directs that you, William L. Cate, be taken back to the county jail, from whence you came and be kept there until such time as the Governor of this Commonwealth shall appoint when you shall be brought forth to the place of execution and be hanged by the neck until dead. And may God have mercy on your soul."

"I'll never hang," shouted Cate as he was led from the room.

### BURGLAR SCARE PRACTICAL JOKE.

Young Couple Call Police And Midnight Search Enues.

### GLOBES HAD BEEN REMOVED.

When Pinnacle Pair Returns Home at Late Hour They Find Door Open and Electric Globes Removed and Robbers Are Suspected.

Rumors of a burglary on the Pinnacle late last night brought Officer Howard Anderson to Trader avenue only to discover that the occupants of the house had been made the victims of a practical joke. It wasn't a bit funny for the victims until the hoax was discovered.

Mr. and Mrs. John Enold came home shortly before midnight to find their front door unlocked. Thinking they had left the door open by mistake Mr. Enold went into the hall and tried to light the electric lamp. The globe was missing. The globe to the parlor lamp was also gone, and this second discovery made the young folks a little nervous, to say the least.

They called upon George W. Brickman, a neighbor, for assistance. The party looked about the neighborhood, but all was quiet. To be on the safe side the police were summoned and Officer Howard Anderson finally arrived.

Anderson entered the house and made a search for the supposed burglar. He couldn't be found. But Anderson discovered that every electric light globe in the house had been removed. The fears of the couple were appeased and they made the best of a bad situation.

It subsequently developed that some friends of the couple thought it would be a great joke to make them retire in the dark. The missing globes were returned today.

### DIVORCE IS GRANTED.

Court Also Gives Polish Political Club a Charter.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 20.—Many routine matters were disposed of by the court this morning and a number of arguments were heard. A divorce was granted Harry J. Wilson from Mary Wilson, his wife, on the grounds of desertion. The couple lived at Cool Spring.

The Polish Independent Political Club of Fayette county with headquarters in New Haven, was granted a charter on petition of Sterling, Higley & Dumand.

Hurt at Indian Creek. Frank Lindley was injured while working for the McFarland Lumber Co. and is a patient at the hospital.

### DIED AT VANDERBILT.

Mrs. Catherine Langhrey, Aged Resident Passes Away.

After an illness of two months Mrs. Catherine A. Langhrey, aged 71 years, died Monday at her home at Vanderhill. Funeral services were held at the residence of her son, D. L. Langhrey, at Vanderhill Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment in Dickerson Run cemetery.

Mrs. Langhrey was widely known in Vanderhill and vicinity, having spent the greater part of her life in and near Vanderhill for about 40 years. She is survived by three children, Mrs. J. W. Cooper of Uniontown, D. L. Langhrey, of Vanderhill, and James Langhrey of Seaside. One sister Mrs. Calvin Holmes, of 311 Pleasant and two brothers, David Langhrey, of Waterloo, Kan., and Samuel Langhrey of Vanderhill, twelve grandchildren, and one great grandchild also survives.

### WILL INVESTIGATE GREEN MOON STORY.

Government Wants Postmaster Collins to Secure Data.

### CONFRONTED BY DIFFICULTIES.

There is Question in Minds of Many Regarding Phenomena and Some It Is Regarded as Hoax—Searching for Men Who Saw It.

Postmaster Clark Collins has been assigned an arduous task by the Department of Agriculture, which is anxious to secure data on the queer phenomena of a green and red moon which is alleged to have been seen here last Friday night.

The weather branch of the Agricultural Department is anxious to see as much data on the affair as possible, especially as regards the direction of the wind at the time the atmospheric conditions and any other details that might be obtainable.

This is no small task. But few people saw the moon when it was green, some say it was red, and most of the town believes it is the victim of a hoax.

The general impression prevails that a few of the night owls were "seeing things" at the time and would have believed the moon a piece of green cheese if sufficiently urged. At this late date even those who claim to have seen the phenomena have forgotten the important details desired by the weather bureau.

### CURFEW VIOLATORS TO BE LOCKED UP.

Charleroi Borough Solicitor Gives Opinion Regarding Arrest of Boys on Streets at Night.

CHARLEROI, Oct. 21.—The matter as to whether or not the police can arrest and lock up boys under sixteen for disregarding the curfew laws, has been finally settled by the borough solicitor, D. M. Meloskey, giving an opinion.

He stated that a youngster may be arrested and locked up, but not in the same compartment with other criminals or drunks, but must be taken to a separate cell where they may be detained. Their parents may be fined.

The question was raised a few weeks ago by the police. They claimed that youngsters were told to get off the streets after the ringing of curfew would refuse and be detained by their parents. The matter went to council, and they investigated with the aforesaid result.

There is a cell which is unused, owned by the borough and it is likely it will be installed in the borough where boys may be locked up.

### ELECT NEW MODERATOR.

Rev. Dr. R. B. Jamison Named by Pittsburgh Synod at Greensburg.

GREENSBURG, Oct. 21.—Oct. 19, Dr. R. B. Jamison, pastor of the Catholic church, in the Monongahela Presbytery, was elected moderator yesterday afternoon at the opening meeting of the Pittsburgh synod of the United Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. E. M. Chas. was named as stated clerk. The sessions will continue until tomorrow afternoon. Delegates representing churches in Westmoreland, Washington, Allegheny, Armstrong, Indiana and Cambria counties, and as far east as Harrisburg are in attendance.

Liederkrantz to Celebrate. The eighth anniversary of the founding of the German Liederkrantz here will be celebrated next Saturday night. An elaborate program is being arranged. President August Roland of the society is arranging for speakers. Guests will be present from McKeesport, Suter, Smithton and other towns.

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## MINE FIRE ABOUT SUBDUED AFTER DESPERATE UNDERGROUND FIGHT.

Men With Safety Hoods Battle With Flames in Washington Property Near Star Junction.

### AFTER PROPERTY.

Uniontown Contractor Said to Have Removed Articles.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 21.—Attorney T. P. Jones, trustee in bankruptcy for D. E. Dece, has brought suit to recover \$5,000 alleged to be due from Contractor M. C. McCormick of Uniontown. Jones asserts that McCormick unlawfully took property valued at \$5,000 which was at Romea, and which the Dece Brothers claim. The property was looted from by Sheriff Klever last year.

### FLAMES ARE NOW ISOLATED.

Will Endeavor to Put Out Fire by Turning Stream Into Mine—Although Sealed Up This Morning Flames May Burn for Weeks.

It is believed the fire in Mine No. 1 of the Washington Coal & Coke Company is now well under control and that it is now but a matter of a short time before the blaze will be entirely extinguished.

Equipped with safety hoods with which to resist the deadly gases which had accumulated in the mine, the workmen made good progress yesterday and last night. They now have about surrounded the flames with brattice work and when this is completed, steam will be turned in. The mine officials believe that by turning large quantities of steam into the sealing up will have the effect of putting out the flames. The fire is now isolated within the boundaries in which it has raged. It is not expected to spread to any other parts of the mine.

By getting control of the blaze in such brief time the officials are of opinion that they have precluded the possibility of a cave in of the land as which are located the veins of the Richard Coal & Coke Company. They expect to put out the fire before it destroys the underpinnings.

Hundreds of feet of timber have been ordered by the Washington Coal & Coke Company for immediate delivery at the mine and as soon as the fire is extinguished a large force of men will start work replacing the damaged timbers.

Although it may be some time before the flames are finally subdued, the work has progressed to such an extent that the No. 2 mine is now being operated. The two mines are connected and coal from No. 1 mine will be taken out through No. 2 and in this way all the veins of the company can be supplied.

The fire was completely sealed up Wednesday but it may burn within its present confines for weeks. The men have not been able to get within close touch of the flames since they started and efforts were concentrated on the work of erecting brattices.

The officials believe that by flooding the burning area with steam they can extinguish the blaze better than by any other method. The shortage of the water supply makes flooding the mine practically impossible. The operation of the entire plant will not be affected from now on as the miners will work from No. 2 shaft. Clarence Hall and J. W. Paul, both of the United States Geological Survey, reached Star Junction Tuesday and immediately took charge of the operations with oxygen helmets.

By the use of these hoods the men could penetrate the deadly gases without fear of being overcome. These gentlemen are connected with the mining experimental station in Pittsburgh and will investigate the conditions existing at the mine during the present fire.

At noon today it was stated that the fire district will be flooded with steam for two days after which time it is proposed to fight the fire with direct hose lines.

### JUMPS FROM TRAIN; DEATH IS RESULT.

Patrick King Injured at Dawson Tuesday Night Dies at Hospital Here.

Patrick King's effort to alight from a rapidly moving train at Dawson Tuesday proved fatal. He was thrown heavily and sustained serious injuries about the head, arms and legs.

The injured man was brought to the Cozart State Hospital here on train No. 2, where he died a short time later. The body was removed to J. E. Sinn's undertaking establishment.

The dead man worked for Contractor H. F. Stark of Greensburg, who is doing some work about Dawson. He has a sister, Mrs. Mary Welsh, living at Braddock. She will be communicated with before any disposition is made of the body. King was 55 years old.

### HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

T. Paul Rue of Johnstown Takes Charge of Somerset Hotel.

SOMERSET, Oct. 20.—On Monday of this week J. Paul Rue, proprietor of the Merchants Hotel at Johnstown, who recently framed the Hotel Belmont here, took possession of his new hotel, William W. Landis, formerly clerk at the Hotel Vamear, has been chosen as manager of the Belmont.

### TRIBUTE IS PAID TO LOCAL MINISTER.

Redstone Presbytery Adopts Minute in Relation to Pastorate of Rev. W. A. Edie.

The Redstone Presbytery paid a tribute to Rev. W. A. Edie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Connellsville in a resolution relative to the dismission of the pastoral relations. The minute read, upon following:

"The dismission of Rev. W. A. Edie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Connellsville, is a matter of deep regret to this body. His long and faithful service to the church and community is a source of pride and inspiration to all who have known him."

He is a man of deep faith, of high character, and of a noble spirit. His life has been a life of sacrifice and service. His death is a great loss to the church and to the community. We commend his soul to the mercies of God and pray for the comfort of his family.

### MOOSE IS REVISING ITS OLD CHARTER.

Secret Session of Lodge Being Held on Second Day of Convention.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 21.—The secret session of the Moose convention continued its fifth interest in the general public as a secret session was held by the order.

The Moose are busily engaged today revising their constitution and attending to lodge business. Tomorrow will be the big day as the parade will be held then. It is expected that several thousand members of the Moose will be in line. It is here that Connellsville, with its red and white brattices, expects to make the hit of the week.

### COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT BOND.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 15.—Two stretches of State road have been accepted by the County Commissioners.

They are the one from Lee, long in Franklin township and that of 4750 feet in the Borough of Vanderhill.

**DROUTH BECOMING ALARMING.**

SHIPPING OFFICE,  
NATIONAL BAY BUILDING, 111 ONTARIO ST.



**COCHRAN BROS.**  
MANUFACTURERS AND SHIPPERS OF  
**Coal and Coke.**  
Main Office: **DAWSON, PA.**  
OFFICERS:  
W. H. COCHRAN, President. H. T. COCHRAN, Gen. Manager.  
A. J. COCHRAN, Secretary and Treasurer.  
RAILROAD WEIGHTS TO GOVERN SETTLEMENTS.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 22, 08

The wonder is simply this that in every President at election in which the result is not foretold beyond peradventure or quibble little capital markets fright or at least becomes conservative and retreating which results in a sensible slowing down or business. In all times until the election is over and the national policies of the ensuing four years are well defined. There is no danger of the election of the Prohibition ticket National State or County but the puzzling apathy of the campaign has bred a doubt as to the

Don't be deceived about the issues of this campaign. The chief issue to

The political situation presents similar conditions but better prospects. An industrial slough began last fall,

The Star Junction mine fire is as  
suring a serious respect to both em-  
ployers and employed.

I don't think it's intended to  
summarize anything at all. It's  
opposite there is such a thing  
as talking over me.

Dr. Earl S. Sloan  
Sloan's book on horses sells  
in every country.

- - Boston, Mass.  
 sheep and poultry sent free



## REPUBLICAN HOSTS SHOW THEIR STRENGTH AT ENTHUSIASTIC MASON TOWN MEETING.

The Walled City of the Klondike was stormed Wednesday by the Republican candidates and so great was the enthusiasm and so large the crowd that it was necessary for several of the speakers to deliver addresses both inside and out of the Arcade Theatre. It was the biggest and most enthusiastic political meeting held in Mason town since the late Sherman and the Republican ticket echoed from every quarter.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Fayette County Republican Club which was accompanied by the speakers left Uniontown in a special car at 6:30 o'clock in the evening arriving at Mason town at 7:30 from which time until their departure at 10:30 the town was ablaze with red fire music, orators and Republican enthusiasm. Ever candidate and speaker present felt assured after last night's meeting that Southern Fayette will roll up a huge majority for the Republican ticket that it has ever done in history. Last night's meeting proved conclusively that the voters are thoroughly aroused and will give their undivided support to the ticket on November 3.

The parade formed at the street car station. It was headed by the Mason town Cornet Band followed by the Taft Sherman Club, the Mason town Martin Band and the Fayette County Republican Club and enthusiastic citizens. The Uniontown Martial Band followed in the rear of the parade. The principal streets of the town were traveled by the parade and it finally wound up in front of the Arcade Theatre. It was first proposed to have an open air meeting but the night was damp and chilly and the Arcade was secured. But it proved entirely inadequate for the crowd and speakers addressed the crowd on the streets as well as in the theatre.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by President Harry Byrne of the Fayette County Republican Club, who made announcements of the meetings at Brownsville, Dunbar and Conneltsville and Uniontown. He invited all to join in and help by their presence to make the night a roaring affair. He introduced Major George W. Neff who spoke to his fellow citizens in a pleasing manner. He laid great stress upon the revision of the tariff and advised the voters to cast their ballot for the entire Republican ticket. He showed how impracticable and infeasible the policies of Bryan were but he said, Bryan had a won a full

facility for convincing some people and that these people could probably be convinced by the Positive League that the moon was made of green cheese.

Thomas P. Jones declared the Republican party is always on the side of right but the Democratic party has no record. It is a party of plumes, many of which have never been fulfilled even when the Democrats have had the chance to redeem them. He compared the accomplishments of each party. What the Democratic party has done for the people showed up woefully small. He declared that the Democratic party always came before the people as a herald of evil things, tending to distress the people while the Republican party came as a herald of virtues. Call of hope to further business activity and renewed industrial operations to the end that progress and prosperity might result. He appealed to all to support the ticket along with their support for Taft and Sherman. No one who cast a vote in that way he said would ever have a moment's regret.

Mr. P. Jones, an Italian banker of Uniontown delivered an address in Italian prefacing his remarks in English by saying that he and his countrymen had just come to the United States. God save the Republic and God save Taft and the whole Republican ticket. In quick and vigorous Italian style he then began his talk to the Italians of the audience. He cheered almost every sentence. He spoke to them of the benefits of this country where they earned a good livelihood and appealed to them to continue the policies of government under which they prospered and had most to look forward to.

Congressman Allen F. Cooper reviewed the good and bad industrial activity of the oil regions and inquired if you elect Bryan the day of No. 10 member how many more coke ovens will be built? The business proposition of this country depend upon the election of Taft and if Taft is elected everything will take on a better standing in a few months. In his opening remarks Mr. Cooper complimented the Fayette County Republican Club upon the splendid gathering that had assembled under its auspices and predicted that with such earnest enthusiasm and such young vigorous menhood the country would again be given four years of prosperity under the banner of Republicanism. He spoke briefly upon the Philippine question

and referred to the work of the Republican party in the Philippines during the twelve years reign of the United States.

He declared that the Democratic party was a chaotic hodgepodge comprising of hard times and a lot of promises. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

So, in his last address, Mr. Cooper declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

The Republican candidates were out in full force and did so effectively. The return trip was made to Uniontown at 11 o'clock. Everyone around the car feeling that the best meeting of the campaign had been held and that a vast amount of good work had been accomplished. The Republican candidates present at the meeting were A. F. Cooper for Congress, William McElhann for prothonotary, C. O. Schreiber for register and recorder, A. B. Hinch for county treasurer, W. S. Blane and J. S. Brink for county commissioners, Frank A. Larkin for legislator, first district, J. S. Carroll for legislator, second district and W. S. Bateman for county auditor.

## "RED SPECIAL" VISITS THE TOWN

Large and Curious Gathering  
Turn Out to Hear Socialist Debts.

MEETING WAS A SHORT ONE.

Socialist Leader Attacks Republican Party and Charges It With Being Against Him—Other Speakers Expound Socialist Doctrine.

Debts Red Special rolled into town on the B. & O. railroad Saturday night at 2 o'clock and an immense gathering assembled at the B. & O. depot to hear the socialist speaker. The gathering was estimated at 1000 people. The speaker, a man of about 40 years of age, with a high forehead and a large nose, was dressed in a dark suit and a white shirt. He was very energetic and spoke with a strong accent. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

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Other speakers expounded the socialist doctrine. They declared that the socialist party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. They declared that the socialist party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

## COLORADO VOTERS AT MONSTER MEETING DISPLAY LOYALTY TO REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Colorado voters of Fayette county displayed their loyalty to the Republican party and showed their contempt for the Democratic party at a monster meeting held in the town of Fayette.

Thomas Sorrell of Brownsville risked his health to keep their fires brightly follow in the footsteps of the speaker made an excellent impression when he related how the children of Israel in crossing the river Jordan had each piled up a stone to build a great pile on the opposite side. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

A slight delay was caused by the speaker not working, but this was quickly remedied and the speaker continued his address. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the Republican party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

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financially and in an educational way from year to year. The colored race now owns property to the value of \$1,000,000. Much of this progress and enlightenment, said Mr. Cooper, resulted from the socialist and just treatment accorded them by the Republican party.

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## TOWN JARRED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS LIKE EARTHQUAKE.

With Roar Flames Belch From Manhole—Front of Buildings Smashed and Fire Started.

WAS CAUSED BY A LEAK.

Crowd Rushing Out to Learn What Was Cause of Noise Driven Back by Second Explosion—Two Men Slightly Injured.

With a roar which shook the entire business district of the town a gas explosion occurred in the front of the Bell Telephone Company on Brimstone Corner exploded Thursday evening. The little damage wrought by the accident and that no one was seriously injured is remarkable. Had the explosion occurred half an hour later, when Brimstone Corner would have been crowded, there is no question but that many persons would have been seriously injured or fatally injured.

It was shortly before 7 o'clock when some one dropped a lighted match into the manhole of the conduit on the south side of Main street. There was a roar and a flash as the confined gas let loose. The cover of the manhole was blown off and a flash of flame leaped into the air. The small crowd gathered on the corner made a break for safety and most of them started down Pittsburg street. They had not taken a half dozen steps before a louder report was succeeded by a sheet of flame which leaped forth from the manhole of the conduit opposite the office entrance of the Title & Trust Company.

The cover was buried high in the air while the flash of fire seemed to envelop the entire neighborhood. Before the echoes of the second explosion had died away there was a crash of falling glass and the big windows of the Title & Trust Company and McClaren's clothing store were wrecked by the concussion. It literally rained glass for a few seconds but no one happened to be in its path.

Almost a panic reigned on the corner. The bystanders made a hurried rush for safety and those who had started down Pittsburg street turned back and ran up Main until it was evident the danger was over.

Two men were slightly burned. They were George Wilson and a man named Spiker. They were standing near the upper manhole when the gas let go. A sheet of flame enveloped them, but aside from slight burns about the legs they were not hurt. One man was struck on the head by a large piece of glass but was not hurt. A stiff hat protecting his head from injury. The

glass fell square otherwise it would have cut through the building and inflicted a serious wound. Just how it all happened no one seems to know. Chief of Police Rottler and Officer John A. Love were standing on the corner at the time. With the first report the Chief started down the street only to be driven back by the second explosion.

At the second report he concluded a bombardment was in progress and immediately pulled his gun to repulse the invaders. Those on the corner ran in all directions and none paid any heed to the other. As soon as it was possible Chief Rottler assembled his officers and restored order. An investigation was then conducted. Officials of the Title & Trust Company were soon on the scene and attended to the injured. It was impossible to board up the opening and a guard was placed for the balance of the night. Superintendent Bloom of the building detected a blaze among the awnings over the office windows of L. C. Higbee and had this extinguished. The blaze was sufficiently large to cause the awnings to ignite. The cover of the second manhole was blown several feet into the air and landed with a crash. The big plate glass windows seemed to be lifted from their places by the force of the concussion. They were seen from a distance to apparently leap into the air falling with a crash behind the blocks. Occupants of buildings within a radius of several blocks reaped the shock of the explosion was plainly noticeable.

The explosion was caused by the accidental ignition of natural gas which escaped through the fissure of a broken main beneath the new Second National Bank building. It is presumed that the escaping gas worked its way into the conduit of the telephone company and so much accumulated that it was exploded by a lighted match dropped into the manhole or near it. The crack is of slight width but extends nearly half way about the pipe. When the break was uncovered shortly before noon today by employees of the gas company the gas could be plainly heard hissing through the break as it escaped from the main.

That there has been a leak some where in the neighborhood of the new Second National Bank building is not surprising. It has been the common belief of the many denizens of Brimstone Corner for several weeks past. Late at night the odor was the gas became ignited and was burning the planking about the new building when

discovered by Burgess Seis-on and with the aid of Officer McDonald was extinguished.

Burgess Seis-on stated Friday morning that he had no recollection of matter to be officials of the gas company. He said that when the explosion occurred at the site of the new building was visible. The scene was out of the ordinary. When seen by the Chief he would not express any opinion concerning the accident but said that the break in the main was discovered. It is said that during the past few weeks the gas has been leaking several inches. It has been a practice, it is said, for some of the night owls to thrust themselves by touching off the flame but never in the conduit.

When the gas was found to be leaking, the Chief decided to stop the main hole or to close valves in the conduit is not known. Both theories are plausible and both are possible. Whenever the subject of the explosion comes up, The citizens with theories would only hold good in case of a recent institution. This is unlikely as the valves are comparatively new and in all cases in the title office.

The break in the main was reported a time is possible. The first said in the pipe was plugged this morning and a new main will be put in as soon as possible. How the main became broken is not known. It has been broken once and two times on the surface of the street and while the excavation of the new building could hardly have been finished, a workman engaged on it is believed that no late snags might fall in.

After looking over the scene the Chief picked up a common pipe which had been dropped during the confusion. The Chief said a man who stood on top of the manhole was blown to the moon could come down and left the pipe on the ground. The evidence left no room for doubt. The evidence left no room for doubt. The evidence left no room for doubt.

GENERAL COULTER BURIED

Business at Standstill in Greensburg During Funeral.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Oct. 22.—The funeral of Major General Richard Coulter Westermarck, an old veteran of two wars and noted business man, took place yesterday afternoon. Business was practically at a standstill. All banks were closed and their officers attended at the services. General Coulter was president of the First National Bank.

The body lay in state at the First Presbyterian Church where thousands viewed it.

Debs is Applauded

I promptly introduced Eugene V. Debs, who was greeted with a roar of applause. The speaker declared that the socialist party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present. He declared that the socialist party was the party of the future and that it was the party of the present.

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CURE BY CUTICURA  
AT CITY MISSION

Young Woman Found in Awful Condition with Scabies—Body a Mass of Sores from Scratching—Tried Many Remedies for Seven Weeks—Result Was Discouraging, But

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"What I was doing was a very sorry work in the lower portion of several cities. I found it necessary to know a little of the habits of a few magazines and after a while I found that a little knowledge of what was about all I needed. One of the very best of all is to deal with what was that of a young woman who had come to us not only broken in mind but in a most deplorable condition. Our doctor examined her and told us that she had scabies (the itch), ineffectual perspiration, rheumatism, etc. brought on from exposure and the effects of her ragged dress. Her poor body was a mass of sores from scratching and she was not able to retain solid food. We tried many things, a good tonic was prescribed and bath with a rubbing of iodine and sulphur. We worked hard for seven weeks and you can imagine how discouraged we were when after all that time, we could see so little improvement. One day I happened to see a Cuticura advertisement telling how a little baby had been cured of a bad case of skin eruptions, and although I had but ninepence, I bought a box of Cuticura Soap and a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent. When I reached home I was like a child with a new toy, and we bathed our patient with and gave her a full dose of the Resolvent. She slept that night better than she had since she had been with us and the next day I created the price of a box of Cuticura Soap and a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent. I was like a child with a new toy, and we bathed our patient with and gave her a full dose of the Resolvent. She slept that night better than she had since she had been with us and the next day I created the price of a box of Cuticura Soap and a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent. I was like a child with a new toy, and we bathed our patient with and gave her a full dose of the Resolvent. 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## COUNTY SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASE.

**Thirty Teachers Added at  
Beginning of Present  
Term.**

**TO REACH 1,000 IN THREE YEARS**

**Growth Has Been Steady and Super-  
intendent Is Kept on Go in Order to  
Visit Them—Some Rooms Are Over-  
crowded.**

Fayette county contains thirty more schools this year than it did last year having a total of 755 teachers within the borders of the county. Superintendent of Schools C. G. Lowery is already making his rounds of the schools and is at present visiting the mountain districts of this section of the county. He was in Connelville Tuesday.

In speaking of the growth of the schools in this county, Prof. Lowery stated that he expected under normal conditions that three years from now would find 1,000 county teachers employed in Fayette county. The growth of schools has been little short of remarkable in this county in number of schools the county ranks possibly fifth in the State.

In order to visit all these schools during the term and attend to his office duties the superintendent is kept on the go steadily. Many of the schools are scattered over the mountain districts and as it is necessary to make his rounds between 9 and 1 o'clock there is little time for him to pay a visit of any length at the different schools.

A new condition existed at the beginning of the present school year and that was an over supply of teachers. For several years the officials of the different schools have been rather hard put to secure instructors in the different schools, but this year after all the schools had been supplied there was in the neighborhood of half a hundred teachers left over. They remain in the schools where they are needed, but in some of the schools the attendance at some of the schools is more than can be properly handled by the teachers while in others there is a scarcity of pupils. An effort will be made to equalize this feature as far as possible and the superintendent will be on the go in order to see that the schools are properly supplied.

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## SENSATIONAL CHARGE IN DIVORCE SUIT.

**Wife in Counter Action Accuses Husband of Living With Her Sister  
Hearing Monday**

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 21.—In the suit for divorce brought by Frank G. Sessler, manager of Dr. F. N. Bastman's farm near Uniontown, sensational counter charges have been filed by the wife, Mrs. L. Sessler.

In a writ of habeas corpus to secure possession of her seven-year-old son Paul J. Sessler, serious allegations are made against the husband who seeks release from the marital ties which bind.

Mrs. Sessler not only accuses her husband of cruel and inhuman treatment, but says that he is now unlawfully living with her sister, Mrs. L. Sessler.

The habeas corpus hearing will be held next Monday at 10 o'clock in the county court at Uniontown.

The family troubles will be aired through his attorneys sought to keep the divorce matter quiet but the habeas corpus action brought out the story. Sessler claims desertion as grounds for his convictions against his wife.

**ANOTHER LUCKY ESCAPE**

**R. S. Coll Leaves Bisbee Before Fire Sweeps Town**

Raymond S. Coll, owner of city editor of The Courier, seems to be traveling in luck. But a few weeks ago he left Bisbee, Arizona following several big floods and now the press reports state that the town was barely saved from entire destruction by a fire swept over the town Wednesday night causing \$500,000 damage, leaving almost the entire business section in order to save a portion of the town it was necessary to resort to dynamiting. There are 500 homeless people. The fire originated in the Grand Hotel where Mr. Coll and his family resided while in Bisbee.

Mr. Coll removed a few weeks ago from Bisbee to Douglas, Arizona where he has purchased a newspaper plant.

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## HUNTERS WANT LATER SEASON FOR RABBITS.

**Bunnies Are Now in Poor Condition  
and Season Should Open in  
November.**

Rabbit hunters in this county are generally displeased with the legal season for hunting bunnies opening October 15, as it is entirely too early the rabbits being in poor condition and affording little or no sport. Many sportsmen say they will not take advantage of the opening days but will wait until November when the rabbits are in good condition to be hunted, their flesh being firm and hard, instead of soft and slimy as in October. Later in the year they afford much more sport, giving the dogs merry chase and when the hunter kills a rabbit over he generally has to exercise some skill to do so.

The farmers in some sections of the State have posted signs forbidding hunting on their lands until November 1 in order to prevent the hunting of rabbits before that time. If they and their families obey the law, they will be excellent hunting on their farms when the time arrives. There are some farmers who will allow no hunting at all upon their farms during the whole season.

There is no love in this section of the State for the present rabbit season. It is too early by far and November and December would be sufficient or even to please the hunters in all portions of the State seems to be the passage of a law by the next Legislature which will make the season different according to sections of the Commonwealth. The game is rich and in good condition in the northern and western sections long before it is here and the farmers there are also doing their fall work and ready for hunting but in this section the work is still going on and the majority of rabbits are not in condition for the table many of them being hardly fat. The law should open the season on October 15 in the northern and western counties and not in this section until at least fifteen days later if even then. Many of the hunters advocate November 15th as an even better date for the commencement of hunting.

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**RECEIVES 2,000 VOLTS  
BUT WILL RECOVER.**

**Miner Caught by Trolley Wire Is Held  
Rigid But Recovers  
Quickly**

WEST NEWTON, Oct. 21.—All though in electric contact of over 2,000 volts held him rigid several minutes and burned his throat almost to the windpipe. John Hancock, a Russian miner at the Foster Hill mines of the Ellsworth Coal Company, was caught today.

While moving after his night work Hancock jumped on a trolley wire. He was caught by the wire and the trolley wire struck him in the chest and the man stuck to the wire while flames sprang up to his throat and scorched his face. Other miners hurried and coupled the cars and pushed them back. Disoriented from his position the burning miner dropped to the rails.

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## GENERAL COULTER, VETERAN, IS DEAD.

**Westmoreland County's Most  
Prominent Figure Passes  
Away.**

**PARTICIPATED IN TWO WARS.**

**Had Notable Military Career and Re-  
turned to Private Life Where He  
Became Leading Figure in Develop-  
ment of Resources of County.**

GREENSBURG, Oct. 21.—Major General Richard Coulter, Westmoreland County's most prominent figure during the last half century, died at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, General Coulter was a son of the famous General Coulter and was born in Greensburg, October 1, 1847. His father was a well-known business man, active in politics and was for several terms prothonotary of Westmoreland county. His mother was a daughter of Col. John Alexander of Carlisle, Pa., in officer of the Revolutionary army.

General Coulter was educated at the Greensburg Academy and at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Carlisle School of Artillery and of the College of Agriculture. After leaving college in 1867, at the age of 18, he entered the office of his uncle, Richard Coulter, as a law student remaining until the breaking out of the war with Mexico.

In December 1862 he enlisted in Company E, Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served throughout the war. He was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg and in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was promoted to the rank of Captain and then to Major. He was discharged in 1865 and returned to his home in Greensburg.

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## TENTH TO REUNITE IN PITTSBURG NEXT YEAR.

## BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD MAKES ITS ANNUAL REPORT.

President Murray Views Future With Cheerful Promise of Return of Prosperity.

### PASSENGER BUSINESS BETTER.

Road Suffered From General Depression During Year Just Closed But Hope Is Held Out for Resumption of Business.

BALTIMORE, Md., October 16.—The 32nd annual report of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which was sent to the stockholders today, shows that the gross earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30 last were \$73,696,781, a decrease of \$8,635,149 from those of the preceding year, when the earnings were considerably the largest in the many years' history of the company.

President Oscar G. Murray briefly but pointedly discusses the sudden change in business conditions during the year, and views the future as giving the cheerful promise of a full return of prosperous conditions within the present year. "The general business situation throughout the country which was so promising the early part of the fiscal year," says President Murray in the report, "was subsequently seriously disturbed, and the diminished traffic and consequent earnings of our company illustrate the extent of the widespread depression which has marked all branches of industry and trade. There exists at this time a hopeful view that, with the promising condition of the crops and development of more conservative views, the coming year will show a marked reaction and improvement, if not complete recovery."

For the fiscal year the report shows gross earnings of the entire system amounting to \$73,696,781, being a decrease of \$8,635,149, as compared with 1907, the former year; expenses, \$58,204,106; net earnings, \$15,492,675. This includes the operation of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad and other controlled or affiliated lines, making the total for the system of 4,448 miles.

The statement results from operation of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, mileage, 3,992, exclusive of the controlled or affiliated lines, for the year, given in tabulated form, shows the following:

Freight Traffic	\$55,681,755
Passenger Traffic	13,724,104
Express	1,457,724
Mail	1,217,520
Miscellaneous	287,223
Operations other than transportation	347,540

Total ..... \$73,696,781

EXPENSES	
Maintenance of Way	\$19,592,041
Maintenance of Equipment	12,351,972
Traffic	1,609,491
Transportation	27,742,007
General expense	1,323,592

Total expenses ..... \$58,204,106

The net earnings from operation were \$15,492,675; \$7,565,283, decrease. Percentage of expenses to earnings, 73.37; 6.81, increase. Other income, \$4,254,747.23; \$7,926,991, increase. Gross income, \$27,747,412.23; \$7,568,291.90, decrease. After payment of interest on funded debt, taxes which show an increase of \$267,592.14, other fixed charges, together with \$265,950.28 expended for miscellaneous betterments and improvements during the year, shows a net income of \$10,156,787.92; a decrease compared with 1907 of \$7,238,841.50. Out of the net income there was paid two dividends aggregating 4 per cent. on the preferred stock and one semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock aggregating \$6,965,274.87. The remaining surplus of \$3,191,513.06 was credited to the profit and loss account which sum added to the amount to credit of profit and loss June 30, 1907, \$19,739,542.85, made a total of \$22,931,055.91, from which was deducted a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock, \$4,565,274.87, and for sundry adjustments, \$500,357.98, leaving a net amount to credit of profit and loss June 30, 1908, \$17,865,423.06.

During the year rolling equipment was depreciated \$1,582,020.56 leaving equipment in service June 30, 1908, consisting of 1,929 locomotives, 1,170 passenger cars, 82,897 freight cars and 2,975 work cars. The expenditure for construction and betterments for the 12 months ended June 30 aggregated \$6,373,922, less by \$2,610,845 than that of last year.

The balance sheet as of June 30 shows total assets and liabilities of the company \$530,248,199.66.

While the large volume of freight carried over the road amounted to 49,188,211 tons, it represented a decrease of 8,969,044 tons when compared with the high record year of 1907. The average earnings per ton per mile was .569 as against .570 in 1907. Products of the mine furnished nearly 65 per cent. of the total tonnage. There was carried 21,730,329 tons of soft coal, a decrease of 1,156,181; 3, 679, 792 tons of coke, a decrease of 2,191, 932.

The passenger business during the year was good when considering adverse conditions, the number of passengers carried aggregating 18,774,638, an increase of 1,367,268. While there was this large increase in the number of passengers there was a decrease of \$285,780 in the earnings. The average rate received per passenger per

mile was 1.890 cents against 1.956 in 1907.

In the Relief Department the membership June 30, 1908, was 31,367, a decrease of 4,025. Assets over liabilities aggregated \$772,551. The savings feature, which includes loans on bonds purchased by members, show number of depositors 5, 675, and cash balance of \$1,314,137. The pension feature shows number on roll June 30, last, 511; total number of pensioners since October 1, 1884, 1,134. Number deceased since then, 623. Paid out for pensions, \$112,376. Cash balance in hands of treasurer, \$224,530. The insurance fund shows an estimated value of \$865,407, as against \$802,300.

## MINERS TO ASK WAGE INCREASE.

Anthracite Convention Concludes Its Deliberations.

### DEMAND PAYMENT BY WEIGHT.

Recognition of Union, Check-Off and Eight-Hour Day Among Concessions That Will Be Asked of Hard Coal Operators in Wage Conference.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 16.—The convention of the anthracite miners' union closed here. During the last session the scale agreed to by the union committee and approved by the delegates was handed out for publication. The demands are as follows:

First—That an agreement shall be negotiated between the representatives of the miners and the operators of the anthracite region and all disputes arising under the contract shall be adjusted as provided for in the said agreement.

Second—We demand the complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America as a party to negotiate a wage contract and that the United Mine Workers of America shall be recognized in our right to provide any method we may adopt for the collection of revenues for the organization.

Third—That we demand an eight-hour day with no reduction of wages.

Fourth—That all coal shall be mined and paid for by the ton of 2,000 pounds.

Fifth—That we demand a definite and more uniform scale of wages and prices for all classes of labor at all collieries in the anthracite region, and that all employees paid \$1.50 or less a day shall receive a 10 per cent advance and all employees paid more than \$1.50 and less than \$2 a day shall receive a 5 per cent advance.

Sixth—That the system whereby a contract miner has more than one job or employs two laborers be abolished.

Seventh—That the employers be required to issue uniform pay statements, designating the name of the company, the name of the employee, the colliery where employed, the amount of wages and the class of work performed.

Eighth—That the contract shall be made for a period of one year.

After the convention had adjourned President Lewis said that the convention had appointed the national president and the three district presidents to get into communication with the representatives of the operators for the purpose of agreeing upon a time when a joint conference of the representatives of the miners and operators would be held. If the operators agree to this Mr. Lewis said that probably the miners would be represented by the national president, the three district presidents and a delegate from each local in the anthracite coal fields. He could not, he said, forecast when the joint conference would be held, for that depended upon the operators agreeing to hold it.

### WIFE RETALIATES.

When Husband Applies for Divorce Woman Makes Counter Charge.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 18.—Although Clifford P. Briggs brought a divorce action against his wife for desertion and unfaithfulness, the respondent has returned an answer to the libel which roundly scores the husband.

Mrs. Briggs declares that on Christmas Day, 1906, he beat and then threw boiling water on her. She was forced, by his cruel treatment, to leave him in February, 1907. She denies the charge of committing adultery on July 4, 1907, and says this is a false and malicious accusation.

Inquisition Upon Estate.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 18.—An inquisition was held looking into the estate of George W. Littman of Uniontown for the purpose of determining the widow's share. Mr. Littman died August 21, 1904.

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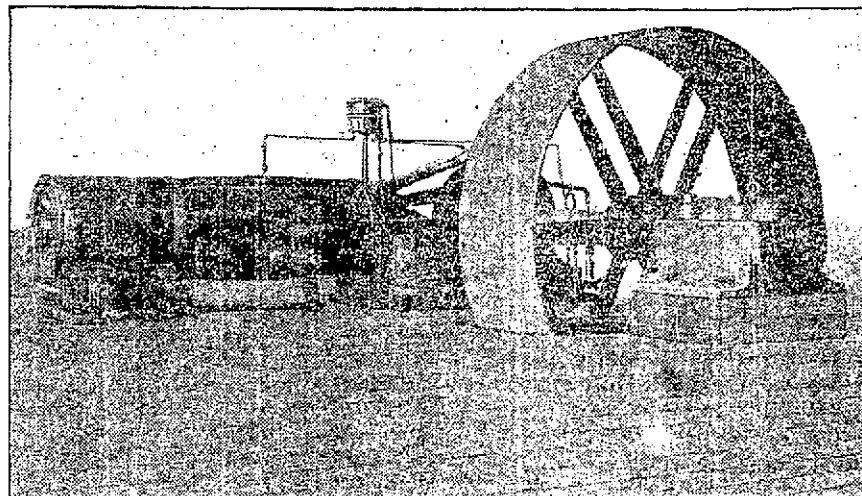
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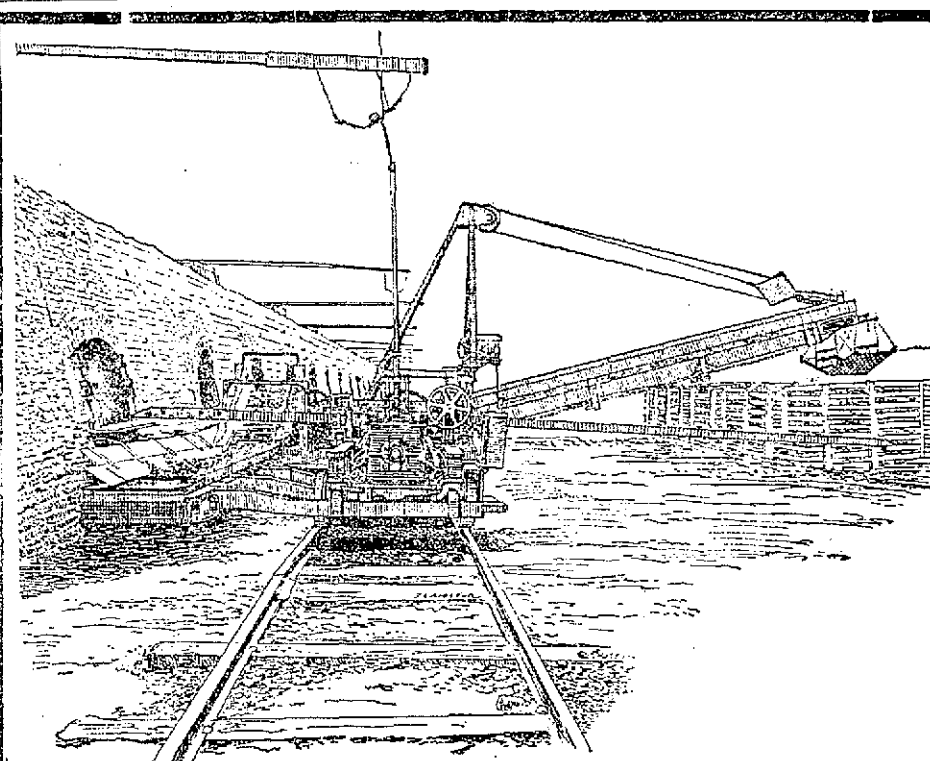
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